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The State Secretariat of Shipping was ordered to recover 35,000 tons of scrap for the 1953 Economic Plan. A total of 32,000 tons was to be recovered near the coast and at sea, and 3,000 tons were to be recovered on inland waters. The 1953 operating plan of the VEB Schiffsbergung und Taucherei (ship salvage and diving), dated 29 December 1952, had provided for a total of 14,600 tons of scrap. On 31 March 1953, the former Directorate General, Shipping, drafted a plan for the recovery of scrap on the coast which demanded that the salvage ship GROBIAN, which was under conversion at the time, be made available to the VEB Schiffsbergung und Taucherei by 30 June 1953; that the available lift cylinders be used in the series salvage operations; that repair work on salvage vessels RECKNITZ, ZUFRIEDENHEIT, REGINA, PEENE, UECCKER and GRAP II be rushed; and that these vessels be assigned to the Heringsdorf, Sassnitz, Darss and Farnemuende salvage stations.

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